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TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE September 13,2002 through July 28, 2003

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

Quota	2002/2003	2002/2003	Percent of
Recipients	Quota, Metric Tons	Imports, Metric Tons	TRQ Used
Argentina	10,750	6,106	56.8%
Brazil	80,200	59,426	74.1%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	3,087	30.9%
Guatemala	10,000	3,169	31.7%
Malawi	12,000	5,604	46.7%
Philippines	3,000	124	4.1%
Thailand	7,000	3,731	53.3%
Zimbabwe	12,000	2,664	22.2%
Residual 2/	3,000	3,000	100.0%
Total	150,700	86,911	57.7%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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